

# SEQUOIA GROVES



## MARIPOSA GROVE

The Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias, located at the southernmost end of Yosemite, is the largest stand of giant sequoias in the park (about 500 trees).

### To Get to the Grove

Allow 1¼ hours driving time to the Mariposa Grove from Yosemite Valley. Cars are prohibited beyond the parking area in the Grove, but several giant sequoias can be seen from there. Information about access for the disabled is available at the tram boarding area. The access road to the Grove may close intermittently due to limited parking and/or snow. Trailers and motor homes are prohibited on the Mariposa Grove Road. **Please use the free shuttle service between Wawona and the Mariposa Grove (see below).**

### FREE MARIPOSA GROVE/ WAWONA SHUTTLE BUS

The shuttle bus stops at the Wawona Store, South Entrance, and Mariposa Grove. Shuttles operate daily during the summer beginning at 9:00 a.m. Last shuttle leaves Wawona at 4:30 p.m.; last shuttle leaves the Grove at 6:00 p.m. Visitors may park at the Wawona Store to board the shuttle bus. Trailers and motor homes are prohibited on the Mariposa Grove Road from South Entrance to the Mariposa Grove. **Due to narrow roads and very limited parking, visitors are strongly encouraged to use this free bus service to help alleviate congestion and lengthy parking delays.**

### WALKING

The trailhead for walking up through the Grove is located at the far end of the parking area. Interpretive signs between the trailhead and the California Tree provide a self-guiding tour. Written translations are available at the trailhead (Spanish, German, French, Japanese).

### DISTANCE & ELEVATION

DESTINATION	DISTANCE FROM TRAILHEAD	ELEVATION GAIN
Grizzly Giant	0.8 mile/1.3 km	400 feet/122 m
Grove Museum	2.1 miles/3.5 km	800 feet/292 m
Fallen Tunnel Tree	2.5 miles/4.0 km	1,000 feet/305 m
Wawona Point	3.0 miles/4.8 km	1,200 feet/438 m

### MARIPOSA GROVE MUSEUM

Open 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (closed for lunch). Offers giant sequoia displays, books, maps, and information.

### TRAM SCHEDULE FOR THE MARIPOSA GROVE

Trams run every day in the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias for a 1-hour tour through the lower and upper groves. The first tram is at 9:00 a.m. and the last tram is at 5:30 p.m., running every 15 to 20 minutes from the boarding area. \$8.50/adults, \$7.75/seniors (62 or older), \$4.50/children (5-12), \$25 maximum for a family (parents and their children under 16). Children under 5 ride free.

### RANGER WALKS

Four times daily, ranger programs are offered in the Mariposa Grove. Join a ranger for an easy 90-minute walk through the lower portion of the Mariposa Grove to explore the forest and learn the secrets of the trees' survival. Each afternoon, rangers also conduct a *Tram Ride & Ranger Walk*. Meet the ranger for a 3-hour program at the tram boarding area to ride into the heart of the upper Mariposa Grove, then walk back to the starting point (2½ miles). Arrive at least 10 minutes early for tram seating. See tram information for schedule and cost. There are times when the parking lot at the Mariposa Grove is full and closed to private vehicles. Allow plenty of time to take the free Mariposa Grove/Wawona Shuttle Bus.

### MONDAY

10:00 a.m.  
Ranger Walk, 1½ hours, Lower Grove trailhead  
12:30 p.m.  
Ranger Walk, 1½ hours, Lower Grove trailhead  
1:30 p.m.  
Tram Ride & Ranger Walk, 3 hours, tram boarding area  
2:30 p.m.  
Ranger Walk, 1½ hours, Lower Grove trailhead

### TUESDAY (NO PROGRAMS AUGUST 8)

10:00 a.m.  
Ranger Walk, 1½ hours, Lower Grove trailhead  
12:30 p.m.  
Ranger Walk, 1½ hours, Lower Grove trailhead  
1:30 p.m.  
Tram Ride & Ranger Walk, 3 hours, tram boarding area  
2:30 p.m.  
Ranger Walk, 1½ hours, Lower Grove trailhead

### WEDNESDAY (NO PROGRAMS JULY 19)

10:00 a.m.  
Ranger Walk, 1½ hours, Lower Grove trailhead  
12:30 p.m.  
Ranger Walk, 1½ hours, Lower Grove trailhead  
1:30 p.m.  
Tram Ride & Ranger Walk, 3 hours, tram boarding area  
2:30 p.m.  
Ranger Walk, 1½ hours, Lower Grove trailhead

### THURSDAY

10:00 a.m.  
Ranger Walk, 1½ hours, Lower Grove trailhead  
12:30 p.m.  
Ranger Walk, 1½ hours, Lower Grove trailhead  
1:30 p.m.  
Tram Ride & Ranger Walk, 3 hours, tram boarding area  
2:30 p.m.  
Ranger Walk, 1½ hours, Lower Grove trailhead



Mariposa Grove Museum

Photo courtesy of Christine White-Loberg

### FRIDAY

10:00 a.m.  
Ranger Walk, 1½ hours, Lower Grove trailhead  
12:30 p.m.  
Ranger Walk, 1½ hours, Lower Grove trailhead  
1:30 p.m.  
Tram Ride & Ranger Walk, 3 hours, tram boarding area  
2:30 p.m.  
Ranger Walk, 1½ hours, Lower Grove trailhead

### SATURDAY

10:00 a.m.  
Ranger Walk, 1½ hours, Lower Grove trailhead  
12:30 p.m.  
Ranger Walk, 1½ hours, Lower Grove trailhead

1:30 p.m.  
Tram Ride & Ranger Walk, 3 hours, tram boarding area  
2:30 p.m.  
Ranger Walk, 1½ hours, Lower Grove trailhead

### SUNDAY

10:00 a.m.  
Ranger Walk, 1½ hours, Lower Grove trailhead  
12:30 p.m.  
Ranger Walk, 1½ hours, Lower Grove trailhead  
1:30 p.m.  
Tram Ride & Ranger Walk, 3 hours, tram boarding area  
2:30 p.m.  
Ranger Walk, 1½ hours, Lower Grove trailhead

## OTHER SEQUOIA GROVES

### YOSEMITE'S SECRET SEQUOIAS

#### TUOLUMNE GROVE

The Tuolumne Grove of Giant Sequoias is near Crane Flat at the intersection of the Big Oak Flat Road (Highway 120 West) and the Tioga Road (Highway 120 East). The former route of the Big Oak Flat Road leads downhill from Crane Flat into the Tuolumne Grove, a cluster of about 25 sequoias. Now closed to cars, this 2-mile (3.2 km) round-trip walk has an elevation change of 500 feet (150 meters) and will take approximately 2 hours. The downhill walk is relatively easy, though it is moderately strenuous on the uphill return. Once in the Tuolumne Grove, there is an easy half-mile, self-guiding nature trail.

#### MERCED GROVE

Yosemite's quietest stand of sequoias is the Merced Grove, accessible only on foot. It's a 2-mile hike into the grove from the Big Oak Flat Road (Highway 120 West). Located 3.5 miles north of Crane Flat or 4.5 miles south of the big Oak Flat entrance, the trailhead is marked by a post labeled B-10 and a road sign. Allow about 3 hours for the 4-mile round-trip hike to this small group of sequoias (about 20 trees).

### RANGER WALK

Join a ranger for a 2½-hour walk to the Tuolumne Grove of Giant Sequoias. Walks depart daily at 1:30 p.m. (beginning July; except July 19 & August 8 ) at the Tuolumne Grove parking area.



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